

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD claim 35 and AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) ~~An~~ A client-side information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, said client-side information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit; and

a ~~processor, processing part configured to detect~~

detecting a password input error at the client-side information processing apparatus, and ~~to register~~

registering information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus ~~by making a transmission to~~ in a first database of a the registration center when the password input error is detected, and ~~to store~~

storing transmission log information related to the ~~transmission to~~ registration in the registration center into said storage unit of said client-side information processing apparatus.

2. (currently amended) The client-side information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~processing part includes means for transmitting~~ processor transmits to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit of said client-side information processing apparatus, and ~~for making a system lock with respect to~~ locks the client-side information processing apparatus if the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

3. (currently amended) The client-side information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processor outputs ~~processing part includes means for outputting~~ a warning

if the information related to the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus in communication with first and second client-side apparatuses, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a first database ~~configured to register~~registering information identifying ~~a the~~ the first client-side apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first client-side apparatus, ~~in response to a transmission from~~by the first client-side apparatus;

a second database ~~configured to register~~registering the information identifying the first client-side apparatus when the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is requested ~~by a the~~ by a second client-side apparatus and the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second client-side apparatus; and

~~a processing part configured~~processor to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

7. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said ~~processing part includes means for deleting~~processor deletes the information related to the first client-side apparatus from said first database when a request to delete the information related to the first client-side apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or ~~for deleting~~deletes the information related to the first client-side apparatus from the second database when a request to delete the information related to the first client-side apparatus is received with respect to said second database, in response to the transmission from the second client-side apparatus.

8. (currently amended) ~~An~~ A method of controlling a client-side information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, ~~control said method~~ comprising:

detecting a password input error at the client-side information processing apparatus;

registering information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus by ~~making a transmission~~transmitting to a first database of a the registration center when the

password input error is detected; and

storing transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center within the client-side information processing apparatus.

9. (currently amended) The ~~information processing apparatus control~~ method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the client-side information processing apparatus; and

making a system lock with respect to the client-side information processing apparatus if the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

10. (currently amended) The ~~information processing apparatus control~~ method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

outputting a warning if the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (currently amended) ~~An~~ A method of controlling an information processing apparatus in communication with first and second client-side apparatuses, ~~control said~~ method comprising:

registering information identifying ~~a~~ the first client-side apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first client-side apparatus, ~~in response to a transmission from~~ by the first client-side apparatus;

registering the information identifying the first client-side apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is requested by ~~a~~ the second client-side apparatus and the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second client-side apparatus; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

14. (currently amended) The ~~information processing apparatus control~~ method as

claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

deleting the information identifying the first client-side apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second client-side apparatus.

15. (Previously Presented) The ~~information processing apparatus control method~~ as claimed in claim 8, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium ~~which stores~~storing a program for causing a client-side computer to control access ~~to through~~ a registration center, said ~~access control program comprising~~causing the computer to execute:

~~causing the computer to detect~~detecting a password input error at the client-side computer;

~~causing the computer to register~~registering information identifying the client-side computer by making a transmission to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; and

~~causing the computer to store~~storing in a storage unit transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center.

17. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, ~~said access control program further comprising~~causing the client-side computer to execute:

~~causing the computer to make a transmission~~transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit; and

~~causing the computer to make a system lock~~ with respect to the client-side computer if the information identifying the client-side computer is registered in the first database or the second database.

18. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 17, ~~said access control program~~ causing the client-side computer to execute~~further comprising~~:

~~causing the computer to output~~outputting a warning if the information identifying the client-side computer is registered in the second database.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access ~~to~~through a registration center, ~~said access-control program comprising~~causing the computer to execute:

~~causing the computer to register~~registering information identifying a first client-side apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first client-side apparatus, ~~in response to a transmission from~~ by the first client-side apparatus;

~~causing the computer to register~~registering the information identifying the first client-side apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is requested by a second client-side apparatus and the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second client-side apparatus; and

~~causing the computer to control~~controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

22. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, ~~said access-control program further~~ causing the computer to execute~~comprising~~:

~~causing the computer to delete~~deleting the information identifying the first client-side apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second client-side apparatus.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

24-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said ~~access-control~~ program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

31. (Previously Presented) ~~An~~ The client-side information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus includes model information.

32. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the information identifying the first client-side apparatus includes model information.

33. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus control method according to claim 8, wherein the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus includes model information.

34. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus control method according to claim 13, wherein the information identifying the first client-side apparatus includes model information.

35. (new) An apparatus comprising:

a registration center comprising a first database; and

a client comprising:

a storage unit; and

a processor,

detecting a password input error at the client,

registering information identifying the client in the first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected, and

storing transmission log information related to the registration in the registration center into said storage unit.